



# Redistricting in Washington State

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A Bipartisan Process  
for  
Redrawing Legislative and  
Congressional District Boundaries



# Redistricting: A little history

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**"The Gerry-Mander!"**  
**1812 Editorial Cartoon**  
*Boston Weekly Messenger*



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*n.* a redrawing of voting district boundaries to the advantage of one party or disadvantage of one group or region.

# Every 10 years ...



# Redistricting by Legislative Action





# Redistricting: A new approach

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## Washington State Redistricting Commission

### Chairman

Graham Johnson

### Senate Appointees

- Dick Derham (R)
- Bobbi Krebs-McMullen (D)

### House Appointees

- Dean Foster (D)
- John Giese (R)



# Guiding Principles: What the law says

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- Equitable Populations
- Subdivisions and Communities of Interest
- Convenient, Contiguous, Compact
- 49 Legislative Districts (*One Senator, Two Representatives*) & Nine Congressional Districts
- Fair and Effective Representation, Electoral Competition, Non-Discrimination





# One person, one vote

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“The conception of political equality ... can only mean one thing – one person, one vote.”

– Justice Douglas, *Gray v. Sanders*,  
1963



# Census: Key to fair governance

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## U.S. Supreme Court cases lead way

- *1962 - Baker v. Carr*

Opens the door to constitutional challenges

- *1963 - Gray v. Sanders*

Establishes the “one person, one vote” principle

- *1964 - Wesberry v. Sanders*

Congressional districts must be redrawn to ensure equally-weighted votes

- *1964 - Reynolds v. Sims*

Legislative districts must be redrawn to ensure equally-weighted votes

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Census:

## Taking a closer look

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### Washington

- 10<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state
- 5.9 million people strong
- 21% growth compared to nation's 13%



# Demographic Characteristics by Sex and Age

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Male	2,934,300	49.8%
Female	2,959,821	50.2%
Under 5	394,306	6.7%
5-9	425,909	7.2%
10-14	434,836	7.4%
15-19	427,968	7.3%
20-24	390,185	6.6%
25-34	841,130	14.3%
35-44	975,087	16.5%
45-54	845,972	14.4%
55-69	285,505	4.8%
60-64	211,075	3.6%
65-74	337,166	5.6%
75-84	240,897	4.1%
85 +	84,085	1.4%



# Demographic Characteristics

## Age

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Median age (years)      35.3

<u>18 years and over</u>	<u>4,380,278</u>	<u>74.3%</u>
<u>    male</u>	<u>2,157,240</u>	<u>36.6%</u>
<u>    female</u>	<u>2,223,038</u>	<u>37.7%</u>
<u>21 years and over</u>	<u>4,127,976</u>	<u>70.0%</u>
<u>62 years and over</u>	<u>782,897</u>	<u>13.3%</u>
<u>65 years and over</u>	<u>662,148</u>	<u>11.2%</u>
<u>    male</u>	<u>281,985</u>	<u>4.8%</u>
<u>    female</u>	<u>380,163</u>	<u>6.4%</u>



# Demographic Characteristics

## Race

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One race	5,680,602	96.4%
White	4,821,823	81.8%
Black or African American	190,267	3.2%
American Indian	93,301	1.6%
Asian	322,335	5.5%
Asian Indian	23,992	0.4%
Chinese	59,914	1.0%
Filipino	65,373	1.1%
Japanese	35,985	0.6%
Korean	46,880	0.8%
Vietnamese	46,149	0.8%
Other Asian	44,042	0.7%



# Demographic Characteristics

## Race (*cont'd*)

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<u>N. Hawaiian &amp; Other Pac. Islnd.</u>	<u>23,953</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
<u>Native Hawaiian</u>	<u>4,883</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<u>Guamanian or Chamorro</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<u>Samoan</u>	<u>8,049</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<u>Other Pacific Islander</u>	<u>5,198</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<u>Some other race</u>	<u>228,923</u>	<u>3.9%</u>
<u>Two or more races</u>	<u>213,519</u>	<u>3.6%</u>



# Demographic Characteristics

## Race Alone or in Combination with One or More Race

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<u>White</u>	<u>5,003,180</u>	<u>84.9%</u>
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<u>Black or African American</u>	<u>238,398</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
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<u>American Indian</u>	<u>158,940</u>	<u>2.7%</u>
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<u>Asian</u>	<u>395,741</u>	<u>6.7%</u>
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<u>N. Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</u>	<u>42,761</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
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<u>Some other race</u>	<u>287,400</u>	<u>4.9%</u>
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# Demographic Characteristics

## Hispanic or Latino and Race

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Total population	5,894,121	100%
<u>Hispanic or Latino (of any race)</u>	<u>441,509</u>	<u>7.5%</u>
<u>    Mexican</u>	<u>329,934</u>	<u>5.6%</u>
<u>    Puerto Rican</u>	<u>16,140</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
<u>    Cuban</u>	<u>4,501</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<u>    Other Hispanic or Latino</u>	<u>90,934</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
<u>Not Hispanic or Latino</u>	<u>5,452,612</u>	<u>92.5%</u>
<u>    White alone</u>	<u>4,652,490</u>	<u>78.9%</u>



# Demographic Characteristics Relationship

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Total population	5,894,121	100%
In households	5,757,739	97.7%
Householder	2,271,398	38.5%
Spouse	1,181,995	20.1%
Child	1,691,535	28.7%
Own child under 18	1,385,475	23.5%
Other relatives	236,631	4.0%
Under 18 years	85,991	1.5%
Nonrelatives	376,180	6.4%
Unmarried partner	139,469	2.4%
In group quarters	136,382	2.3%
Institutionalized	57,218	1.0%
Noninstitutionalized	79,164	1.3%



# Demographic Characteristics Households by Type

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<u>Total households</u>	<u>2,271,398</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>Family households (families)</u>	<u>1,499,127</u>	<u>66.0%</u>
<u>    With own children under 18</u>	<u>742,481</u>	<u>32.7%</u>
<u>Married couple family</u>	<u>1,181,995</u>	<u>52.0%</u>
<u>    With own children under 18</u>	<u>541, 636</u>	<u>23.8%</u>
<u>Female householder, no husband</u>	<u>224,618</u>	<u>9.9%</u>
<u>    With own children under 18</u>	<u>146,920</u>	<u>6.5%</u>



# Demographic Characteristics

## Households by Type

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<u>Nonfamily households</u>	<u>772,271</u>	<u>34.0%</u>
<u>Householder living alone</u>	<u>594,325</u>	<u>26.2%</u>
<u>Householder 65 years +</u>	<u>184,924</u>	<u>8.1%</u>
<u>Households w/individuals</u>	<u>799,102</u>	<u>35.2%</u>
<u>under 18 years</u>		
<u>Households w/individuals</u>	<u>463,007</u>	<u>20.4%</u>
<u>65 years +</u>		
<u>Average household size</u>	<u>2.53</u>	
<u>Average family size</u>	<u>3.07</u>	



# Demographic Characteristics

## Housing Occupancy

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### Housing Occupancy

<u>Total housing units</u>	<u>2,451,075</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>Occupied housing units</u>	<u>2,271,398</u>	<u>92.7%</u>
<u>Vacant housing units</u>	<u>179, 677</u>	<u>7.3%</u>
<u>    Seasonal, recreational use</u>	<u>60,355</u>	<u>2.5%</u>
<u>Homeowner vacancy rate</u>		<u>1.8%</u>
<u>Rental vacancy rate</u>		<u>5.9%</u>



# Demographic Characteristics

## Housing Tenure

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### Housing Tenure

<u>Occupied housing units</u>	<u>2,271,398</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>Owner-occupied housing units</u>	<u>1,467,009</u>	<u>64.6%</u>
<u>Renter-occupied housing units</u>	<u>804,389</u>	<u>35.4%</u>
<u>Average household (owner)</u>		<u>2.65</u>
<u>Average household (renter)</u>		<u>2.32</u>



# Five Fastest Growing Counties

## Resident Totals

	1990	2000	Increase	Percent
<i>State</i>	<i>4,866,669</i>	<i>5,894,121</i>	<i>1,027,452</i>	<i>21.1</i>
King	1,507,305	1,737,034	229,729	15.2
Snohomish	465,628	606,024	140,396	30.1
Pierce	586,203	700,820	114,617	19.6
Clark	238,053	345,238	107,185	45.0
Spokane	361,333	417,939	56,606	15.7

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau*



# Five Fastest Growing Counties (%)

## Percentage of Growth

	1990	2000	Increase	Percent
<i>State</i>	<i>4,866,669</i>	<i>5,894,121</i>	<i>1,027,452</i>	<i>21.1</i>
Clark	238,053	345,238	107,185	45.0
San Juan	10,035	14,077	4,042	40.3
Grant	54,798	74,690	19,900	36.3
Franklin	37,473	49,347	11,874	31.7
Pend Oreille	8,915	11,732	2,817	31.6

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau*





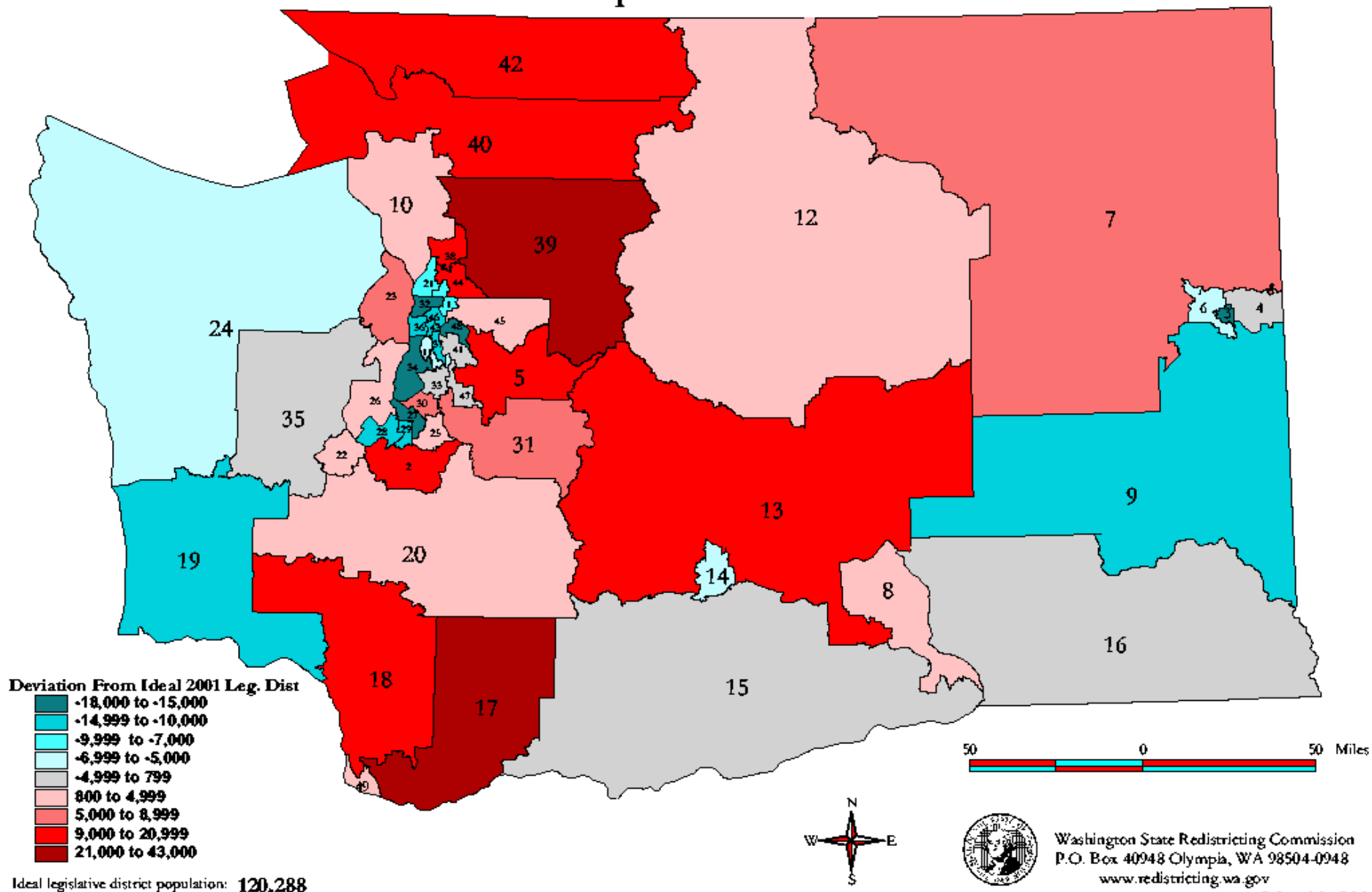
# District Target Populations

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	<u>State Population</u> <i>(Total)</i>	<u>Legislative</u> <i>(Each district)</i>	<u>Congressional</u> <i>(Each district)</i>
<b>1990</b>	4,866,692	99,320	540,744
<b>2000</b>	5,894,121	120,288	654,902

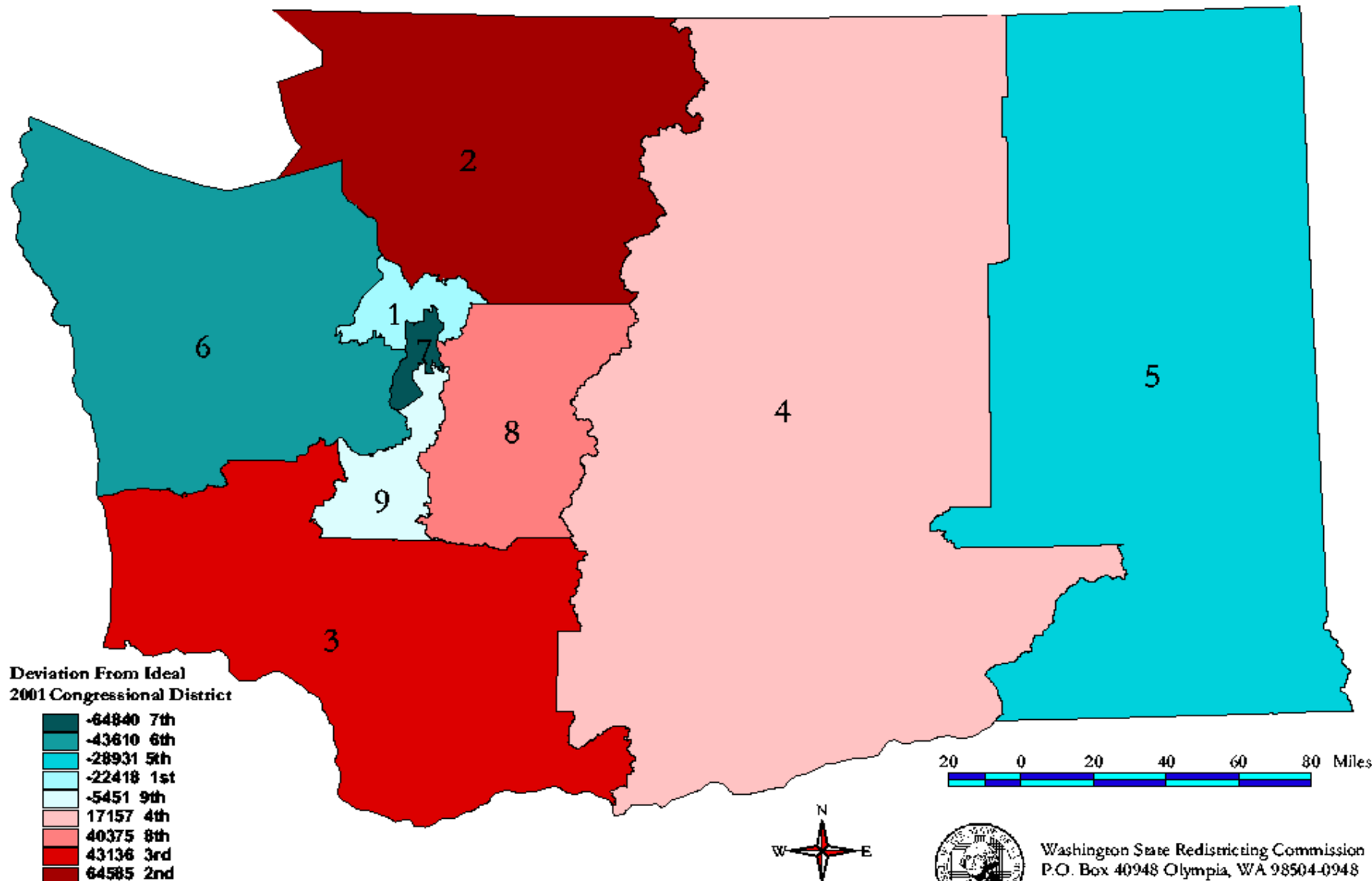
# Washington State Legislative Districts

## Census 2000 Population Deviations from Ideal



# U.S. Congressional Districts - Washington State

## Census 2000 Population Deviations from Ideal



Ideal District Population: 654,902



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# Changes in Growth Puget Sound Region

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<i>County</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Increase</i>
<u>King</u>	<u>1,507,319</u>	<u>1,737,034</u>	<u>15.2%</u>
<u>Snohomish</u>	<u>465,642</u>	<u>606,024</u>	<u>30.1%</u>
<u>Pierce</u>	<u>586,203</u>	<u>700,820</u>	<u>19.6%</u>



# Changes in Growth Puget Sound Region

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<i>City</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Increase</i>
<u>Seattle</u>	<u>516,259</u>	<u>563,374</u>	<u>9.1%</u>
<u>Tacoma</u>	<u>176,664</u>	<u>193,556</u>	<u>9.6%</u>
<u>Everett</u>	<u>69,961</u>	<u>91,488</u>	<u>30.8%</u>
<u>Renton</u>	<u>41,688</u>	<u>50,052</u>	<u>20.1%</u>
<u>Des Moines</u>	<u>17,283</u>	<u>29,267</u>	<u>69.3%</u>
<u>Kent</u>	<u>37,960</u>	<u>79,524</u>	<u>109.5%</u>



# Local Legislative District Data

## Target Population: 120,288

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<i>District</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Deviation</i>
11	99,319	114,204	- 6,084
30	99,322	127,009	6,721
31	99,321	126,294	6,006
33	99,322	117,489	- 2,799
34	99,326	104,706	- 15,582
37	99,319	108,225	- 12,063
41	99,320	118,241	- 2,047

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau/Washington State  
Redistricting Commission*



# Local Congressional District Data

## Target Population: 654,902

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<i>District</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Deviation</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>540,747</i>	<i>590,062</i>	<i>- 64,840</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>540,742</i>	<i>695,277</i>	<i>40,375</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>540,744</i>	<i>649,451</i>	<i>- 5,451</i>

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau/Washington State  
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# The puzzle that is redistricting

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